

BATTLE FOUGHT.

Colombian Rebels Beaten—150
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WE HOLD RAILROAD.

Marines and Bluejackets Open Line
Across the Isthmus.

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Our Protest Heeded by the Commander
of the Colombian Gunboat.

Delay Promised Until Friday—Engage-

ment Fought at Empire on the Line of the Railroad—Insurgents Retreat to San Pablo—Colombian General Wounded and His Horse Shot From Under Him—Navy Department Puts Capt. Perry of the Iowa in Charge of Our Four Warships at Panama and Colon—Instructions to Protect American Interests—Guard Has Been Placed Over Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Offices in Colon.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

COLON, Colombia, Nov. 25.—In the engagement between the Colombian troops and the insurgents (Liberals) at Empire, on the line of the railroad, yesterday, 150 men were killed on both sides. The Liberals retreated to their stronghold at San Pablo.

Gen. Alban, the Government commander, was slightly wounded and his horse was shot under him.

Traffic across the Isthmus was interrupted yesterday afternoon. The United States cruiser Iowa landed 200 men at Panama.

An armored train carrying the American forces arrived here to-day. A guard has been placed over the premises of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

At a conference last night the commander of the Colombian gunboat, General Pinzon, agreed to postpone landing his troops until Friday. The vessel left this morning, it is supposed for Porto Bello.

AMERICAN FORCE HOLDS THE RAILROAD. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—According to the latest advice to the State Department, the Colombian Government has won a victory over the insurgents or Liberals on the Isthmus of Panama.

A large force of American bluejackets and marines is ashore on the Isthmus under command of Capt. Thomas Perry of the battleship Iowa. This force is endeavoring to keep railroad transit open between Panama and Colon and at last accounts had succeeded in doing so. The force was half way across the Isthmus when last heard from here.

COLON NOT BOMBARDED.

The first message to-day came from Lieutenant-Commander Henry McCrea of the gunboat Machias. He was Lieutenant-Commander McCrea who landed a force from his ship to protect the railroad station at Colon as soon as the Liberals took the town last week.

He reported to-day that the Colombian gunboat, General Pinzon, which arrived at Colon yesterday, threatened to bombard the place. Thereupon McCrea served notice on the General Pinzon's commander that he must not bombard for twenty-four hours. In order to give time for the removal of non-combatants. In his telegram to the Navy Department to-day the Lieutenant-Commander asked for instructions as to his future course.

MCCREA TO USE HIS DISCRETION.

The response of the Navy Department directed Lieutenant-Commander McCrea to see that American interests were protected, and to do practically as he pleased in carrying out that instruction. It is generally believed in official circles that McCrea will decline to permit the General Pinzon to bombard Colon, as the place is unprotected. International law is firmly upheld in an attack with heavy ordnance on an undefended town.

Last year the State Department, through its Consul-General at Panama, served notice on the Liberals, who had gathered to attack the place, that they would be held strictly to account for any damage done by bombardment to the lives and property of Americans. The promised bombardment did not take place. It is confidently felt here that if Lieutenant-Commander McCrea were to permit the General Pinzon to bombard Colon, it would be a serious warning to the Commander of the General Pinzon.

SAVE FERRY TRAFFIC FROM HARM.

Insurgents threatened from Mr. Gudgeon, the United States Consul-General at Panama, and Capt. Perry of the Iowa, to save the ferry traffic from harm, the United States Consul-General at Panama, Mr. Gudgeon, has issued a proclamation ordering the insurgents to leave the Isthmus. This afternoon the United States Consul-General at Panama, Mr. Gudgeon, has issued a proclamation ordering the insurgents to leave the Isthmus.

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ment of its contents: "Gen. Alban, with 600 men, is fighting the Liberals on the line near Empire (a town about half way across the Isthmus). Transit is in danger of interruption. Capt. Perry has landed a detachment of men from the Iowa and gone to take a train through and make the transit clear and establish detachments of men to keep it so."

COLOMBIA LEGATION GETS THE NEWS.

Corroboration of this despatch was received by Mr. Herran, the Chargé d'Affaires of Colombia here and also by the State Department. Mr. Herran's message was from the acting Governor of Panama, who said that Gen. Alban, the Governor of Panama, had started with a considerable force of Government troops to operate against Colon and Sinea.

The despatch of the State Department was from Consul-General Gudgeon. He said that Capt. Perry had started across the Isthmus from Panama with 150 men to open a way for trains. Fighting was going on among the Colombians, Mr. Gudgeon reported, but there was little danger to the American troops.

A later and more important message was received from Mr. Gudgeon this afternoon. He said that the American bluejackets and marines (presumably those under Capt. Perry) had arrived at Hachichin, half-way across the Isthmus, that there was no obstruction to the railway and that the Colombian Government forces seemed to be victorious over the insurgents.

OUR RIGHT TO LAND MEN.

The right of United States armed forces to land on the Isthmus is found in the treaty between the United States and New Granada, later the United States of Colombia. In that treaty this Government agrees to preserve free transit across the Isthmus at all times. It is to keep communication open that Capt. Perry landed men at Panama and Lieutenant-Commander McCrea landed men at Colon. The course of the United States in this instance has the approval of the Colombian Government. The landing of bluejackets and marines was requested, in fact, by the Colombian Chargé d'Affaires here.

LONDON INTERESTED NOW.

Discussing Our Action in the Troubles on the Isthmus.

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LONDON, Nov. 25.—The new quarrel on the Isthmus and the trouble between Colombia and Venezuela is beginning to be treated seriously by the newspapers. Here, where they have regarded the affair as hardly worth while recording and when they commented on it, if at all, it was treated in a semi-comic vein. To-day, however, attention is focused on the controlling action of the United States and its probable significance.

The Post, while expressing the belief that the temporary occupation of the railway by the American forces will have the approval of the other Powers, raises the question as to the ultimate permanent control of the Isthmus, in regard to which, it says, the Americans think they have a permanent claim. The Post continues:

"We might borrow an American phrase and say it is the manifest destiny of the United States to control the Isthmus, but in using that expression we should prefer to put our own interpretation on it. We express no opinion on the abstract justice or righteousness of the claim. In our judgment no single Power is likely to oppose it. The Monroe Doctrine in its modern form is hardly likely to be contested so long as the European Powers are divided among themselves. If it ever comes to a question, it will be between the United States of Europe and the United States of America, but that period is a long way off."

The Daily Telegraph expresses the belief that the action of the United States in taking temporary charge of the Isthmus will be regarded with no friendly eye by European opinion. Nevertheless, the Telegraph says, the American Government is acting in accordance with its strict diplomatic rights.

The writer hints at the probability of events leading up to American occupation of Colombia and adds that the Continental Congress in regard to that matter has been so far justified that the time must come sooner or later, when the forces of the United States will land at Colon to stay.

The Daily News says that it sees that events are playing straight into the hands of the United States, which have not been slow to take advantage of the opportunity. The paper describes the landing of the American marines and bluejackets and the cordoning off of the bombardment of Colon by the Colombian Government troops as "forceful acts which may at any moment develop into the occupation of the Isthmus."

AUSTRALIAN MAIL COMING.

Record to London Could Be Broken if the Campania Meets Her.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—The quick time of 21 days from Sydney and 6 days and 24 hours from Honolulu was made by the German Company's steamer Mauretius, which reached port today with many passengers and English mail from the Antipodes. First attention was given to the fact that the ship had arrived in order to catch the 6 o'clock overland train, the passengers being detained on board until the last of the 4th leg of mail was put on board.

It is not the fault of the German Company that the mail will not reach London in record time, for it is that 21 days and 24 hours from Sydney to New York is the time which the Campania has made in the past. The Campania has been in the service of the German Company for many years and has made many record trips.

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MRS. DALE'S FRIEND GOES FREE.

WALLER PUTS IN NO DEFENCE AND IS FOUND NOT GUILTY.

State's Testimony Might Do for Divorce Suit, but Not in Criminal Charge. Says Court—Mrs. Dale Does Not Improve—Her Counsel Are Confident.

Elbert Waller, the young Dutchman, who was arrested by the Hoboken police last week on a charge of living in open lewdness in hotels in that city with Mrs. Elizabeth Dale, now under arrest on the charge of murdering her little girl, was acquitted by Recorder Stanton last night. After his decision the Recorder told Assistant Prosecutor Vickers that he would hold Waller under bail if the State wished to use him as a witness in the case against Mrs. Dale. Mr. Vickers said the State did not intend to call him as a witness and Waller was released. Waller's counsel were Edward Russ and former Assistant Prosecutor Joseph M. Noonan.

Russell Dale, a brother of Hervey S. Dale of Chicago, the dead child's father, was in court. William Dale, the proprietor of the Hotel, said that Mrs. Dale went to the hotel on April 16 and occupied rooms Nos. 21 and 22. Waller came on the 21st and was assigned to room 30. They went away together, he said, and returned to the rooms were neither connecting nor communicating. Waller and Mrs. Dale arrived at the hotel together again on May 17 and remained there until they were arrested. The rooms were given at the request of Mrs. Dale, who paid the bill for 10 days. Mrs. Dale, a waiter at Busch's Hotel, said that after the arrival of Waller and Mrs. Dale at the hotel, the latter sent him to the office to get the key of the room. Waller testified to bringing two cocktails to Waller's room.

Detective Louis Weinthal was put on the stand to testify that when Mrs. Dale's trunk was seized by the police some of Waller's effects were found in them, but Counsel Noonan said he would admit that, and that at Busch's Hotel they said they were brother and sister. Mr. Noonan scored the police for what he said was an "indictably indelicate seizure." "Such Russian methods," he added, "ought not to be allowed in this city." Mr. Vickers was about to put Russell Dale on the stand to testify that he and Mrs. Dale had been married, but that also was admitted by Waller's counsel. That closed the case for the State.

Prosecutor Noonan said he had no witnesses for the defence. In addressing the Court he said Mr. Waller and Mrs. Dale lived in two hotels in Hoboken, in one in the morning and in the other in the evening, and that their relations were and still are entirely innocent. To convict Mr. Waller of this offence the State must prove that he had come on from Chicago on the night of the murder. Mrs. Dale's counsel said that he had come on from Chicago on the night of the murder.

Mr. Vickers held that the fact of their having lived in the same hotel and that Mrs. Dale constituted the offence. Recorder Stanton said that the State's testimony might be competent in a divorce case, but that it was not sufficient to establish a criminal charge. He said that the State's testimony was not sufficient to establish a criminal charge. He said that the State's testimony was not sufficient to establish a criminal charge.

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Two women were burned to death last evening in a fire in the frame house at 457 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn. The house is owned by James Hartwick. He and his family occupied the lower portion, while Mrs. Sarah Meade lived on the upper floor. Mr. Hartwick's family consisted of his mother, 62 years old, his wife and two children. With Mrs. Meade lived Mary Tenney, 65 years old.

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LOW TAKES HIS BURDEN HOME.

2,500 Applications for Jobs—His Auto in a Slight Collision.

Mayor-elect Low spent a large part of yesterday in consultation with George L. Rives, who will be the Corporation Counsel under the new administration, and talked with him about the offices that the Mayor will have to fill. Mr. Rives called at Mr. Low's house in the morning, and as it was necessary for them to consult some records that Mr. Rives has in his office, they started downtown in Mr. Low's automobile. As they were passing Bleecker street on Broadway the driver of a delivery cart got in the way of the machine and there was a slight collision. Mr. Low and Mr. Rives were shaken up a little.

The 2,000 or more applications for jobs that have been received by the Mayor-elect were taken from his headquarters at Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street yesterday. The Mayor-elect said that he had no announcements to make in regard to his appointments and that he did not know when he would have any to make.

To-day a delegation of laboring men is going to call on Mr. Low to urge him to appoint John Ford a member of the Board of Taxes and Assessments of the City. William F. King, ex-President of the Merchants' Association, announced yesterday that he was not a candidate for Mayor and would not accept any office.

It was said yesterday that about the only appointment under the administration of Mayor Low would be that of Gustave Lindenthal as Chief Engineer of the Department of Bridges, an office now held by Mr. Probus. Mr. Lindenthal is one of the consulting engineers of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and drew the plans for the proposed bridge across the North River at Twenty-third street.

It was declared last night that John C. Coleman, a well-known Republican of the West Side, was likely to be appointed one of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments by Mayor Low and was under consideration for the presidency of the commission.

MARY THOMPSON WAS DESERTED.

Shut Somewhere After Mr. Fenton. Accountant, Had Sailed for England.

Some romance was thrown yesterday into the case of Mary Thompson, the young Englishwoman who went to St. Vincent's Hospital on Friday with a bullet wound in her breast and who refused to tell how, when or where she was shot even after she had been taken to Bellevue a prisoner charged with attempting suicide. A man who said he was John J. Gibson, another account, and they opened offices in room 802 at 346 Broadway. That is the New York Life Building. On Friday afternoon Gibson said, Miss Thompson called him and told him that she was in St. Vincent's Hospital and that she was in a very bad way. He said that he would come to see her and that he would take care of her. He said that he would take care of her and that he would take care of her.

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SERGEANTIES \$2500 EACH?

TAMMANY SQUEEZING THE POLICE HARD THESE DAYS.

Boss Detectives' Yellow Shields, and \$2,000 a Year With Each, Going in Batches to Cops and Mulberry Street Tells the Figure—Who's Getting It?

Four new detective sergeants were sworn in at Police Headquarters yesterday. Thirty-one have been appointed since October, and fifty since Commissioner Murphy took hold of the Police Department. It is common talk in Mulberry street that every one of these promotions is paid for by the man promoted, at the rate of \$2,500 to \$4,000 each, according to his ability to "give up." It is also common gossip at Police Headquarters that as many more of these promotions as possible will be put through before Tammany is forced to turn over the city government on Jan. 1. The bloodsuckers are squeezing out the last few drops of blood before they are compelled to let go of the Police Department.

The latest four detective sergeants were promoted last Saturday by Commissioner Murphy, but no announcement was made of the fact and every effort was made yesterday to keep from reporters the names of the men promoted. Commissioner Murphy said he didn't remember who the men were, but he understood that they had been long service in the Detective Bureau and were worthy of promotion and increased pay. A policeman or plain detective of the first grade receives \$1,400 a year; a detective sergeant \$2,000.

Three of the latest men to become detective sergeants are Detective Warren Maxon of the East Sixty-seventh street station, Detective Fogarty of the West Twentieth street station and Policeman Munday, who till recently had been detailed at the crossing at 125th street and Eighth avenue. The name of the fourth man could not be learned. Detective Maxon has been Capt. Stephen Brown's wardman. He was transferred five days ago from the East Sixty-seventh street station to the Detective Bureau. Detective Fogarty was Capt. Moynihan's wardman. He has been in the Detective Bureau about three days. It was impossible to learn how long Munday has been in the Detective Bureau.

The greatest secrecy is maintained at Police Headquarters in these days about promotions. They are never announced from the Chief Clerk's office, Deputy Commissioner Devery's office or by Commissioner Murphy. Everything possible is done to hide from the newspapers the number of police promotions that Tammany intends to rush through before the era of clean government comes in with Mayor Low. Recently a batch of twenty-three detective sergeants were made, but it was four days before the reporters succeeded in getting the names of the men promoted. There is good cause for this, secrecy. The promotions, as THE SUN has been told, have caused the greatest dissatisfaction among the old-timers in the Detective Bureau. Col. Murphy promised them, shortly after he took office, that the men who did the work in the bureau should receive the reward, but they haven't received it. Every day they see men taken out of the precincts, assigned to the Detective Bureau for a few days, and then promoted over their heads. This has made the men who do the real work of the bureau disgruntled, and the Detective Bureau may be said to be in a state of demoralization. Observers of police affairs say that the reorganization of the Detective Bureau will be one of the first and one of the worst jobs that Mayor Low's Police Commissioner will have to tackle.

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